

MATTERS TO WHICH THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF THE CHURCH IS DRAWN, BY INSTRUCTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

I.

REMIT *re* REPRESENTATION IN ASSEMBLY.

Whereas the number of commissioners to the General Assembly this year is five hundred and thirty-three, being an increase of thirty one on the representation of last year ;

And whereas the increase may be expected to become greater from year to year, rendering the providing of accommodation for commissioners at the place of meeting more difficult, and making it practically impossible to provide a fund for the travelling expenses of commissioners ;

And whereas a reduction in the basis of representation would not interfere with the efficiency of the General Assembly ;

The General Assembly sends down to the Presbyteries of the Church, under the Barrier Act, the following remit, with instructions to report their judgment on it to next Assembly, namely :

That in the Act constituting the General Assembly, section 1, "one-sixth" be substituted for "one-fourth," and that section 2 be amended to read as follows :

"When the number of names on the Roll is not divisible by six, the sixth shall be reckoned by the next higher multiple of six."

II.

REMIT *re* ASSEMBLY MEETING PLACE.

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of the Assembly that the interests of the Church would be better served by a change in the system of meeting here and there from year to year ; and whereas increasing difficulty is found in places where the Assembly meets in billeting Commissioners ; and whereas the doing away with the billeting system would entail considerable additional expenses in attending the General Assembly ; the Assembly resolves that the following questions be sent down to Presbyteries as a remit, with instructions to report to next General Assembly :—

1. Is it desirable that the General Assembly should decide on a central permanent place of meeting ?

2. If so, what place ?

3. Should the billeting system be done away with ? If so, what arrangements should be made in regard to expenses of Commissioners ?